

WASHINGTON (June 29,2009) - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today received a resolution of commendation from the Alabama Baptist State Christian Life Commission for his legislative work to prohibit illegal Internet gambling.

Bachus was presented with the resolution during a meeting of the commission at Samford University in Birmingham.

Congressman Bachus played a lead role in the passage of the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA), which banned credit cards and other financial instruments from being used for online gaming. He has stated his opposition to proposed legislation that would repeal the law by legalizing online gambling in the U.S.

Bachus said, "My concern has always been for our youth and families. The very real victims of illegal Internet gambling are our young people. They can't go in a casino and bet legally but the Internet has brought the casino onto the computers in their bedrooms and dorm rooms. It's a temptation that many have fallen prey to and studies have shown that the earlier one begins gambling, the more likely it is he or she will become a compulsive problem gambler."

Dr. Tom Cleveland of the Alabama Baptist State Christian Life Commission said, "We appreciate of all the work that Congressman Bachus has done over the years to accomplish programs which benefit children and families. Even when the issue has been defeated and is constantly reintroduced, his voice of reason has prevailed."